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County Executive Finley Announces Support of Mandate Relief Act

WAUKESHA--Waukesha County Executive Daniel M. Finley today announced his support of the Mandate Relief Act proposed by State Senator Robert Welch.

“Unfunded State mandates have been a growing problem for local governments,” said Finley. This proposal would address this problem head on by insuring that the State cannot mandate services without providing the necessary resources.”

The proposal would establish a new standing joint legislative committee to review proposed and existing programs and services the State demands that local government provide. Each existing mandate would sunset over a three year period, after which time the committee could decide whether to provide the funding for the program or drop the mandate.

“I applaud Senator Welch for proposing what I have long called for, the Mandate Relief Act,” said

Finley. “I urge the State legislator to pass this proposal so we can begin to restructure the state -
local government partnership and provide the citizens of Wisconsin much needed tax relief.”

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